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There are no other lights on. Senator Vickers, did you wish to speak on the bill?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Madam President, I would. I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question, if I may. Senator Wesely, I have not had an opportunity to examine the committee amendments which is the bill now as well as I should have, but the original bill had a section that indicated that for new construction or for new buildings that these funds could not be used unless the new building was in an area that had a building code.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh.

SENATOR VICKERS: Is that still part of the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: That is a good question, Senator Vickers. One of the things this bill does and is incorporated in part in the amendments is we did adopt an energy standard, Senator Vickers, that would have had where they do have an energy code, they would have the option of locally enforcing it. If they didn't locally enforce it, the state would attempt to enforce that energy code. And we found that it was very difficult if not impossible to do. So this bill and the amendments incorporate this concept, take away that energy code from areas that don't want to enforce it locally. There is no state enforcement of the energy code any longer if we adopt this amendment and this bill. So it does deal with your concern, I think. I don't know exactly about the tax credit not being applicable in those areas. I think it is. So even if they don't have an energy code....

SENATOR VICKERS: Even if they don't have an energy code or....

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR VICKERS: ....a building code, it would still apply then under the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Right. This does....one of the attempts, Senator Vickers, is to ease the code that we did adopt three years ago.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, then, well, Senator Wesely, I am putting up an amendment also. We will discuss another portion of the bill then while we are discussing that, but I did need to have that clarified for me, and I appreciate that. Thank you.